

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Green, Harwood, Hebb, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Keefer, King, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thruston, Turner—59.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the 23d article of the Declaration of Rights, emancipating the slaves and abolishing slavery in Maryland.

Mr. PUGH moved that the consideration of the Declaration of Rights be postponed until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The motion was rejected.

The amendment placed upon the journal by Mr. Clarke was read, for information.

Mr. CLARKE. I will state that that proposition was not offered by me as an amendment, but was submitted as a proposition for the consideration of the Convention, which at some proper time I thought might be offered. I do not desire myself to offer it as an amendment, as I learn it will be rejected, coming from this side of the House.

There being no amendment pending, the article was read.

Art. 23. That hereafter, in this State, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; and all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free.

Mr. CLARKE said:

Mr. PRESIDENT. Æneas during the gloomy hours of that sad night in which Troy fell, after performing unexampled prodigies of heroism, left the ill-fated city, carrying his aged father upon his shoulders, and leading his little son tenderly by the hand. When just approaching the shores of Italy, where he was to found a splendid empire, the goddess Juno, cherishing an undying resentment against him, in the pride and majesty of her divine nature, thus reasons: "Shall I who move in state the queen of the gods, and am both the sister and wife of Jove, wage war for so many years with one nation? If I satiate not my revenge, who any longer will adore the divinity of Juno, or as a suppliant honor the altars erected for my worship?" She seeks Æolia—the country of storms—where king Æolus governs

the sighing winds and sonorous tempests, and curbs them in chains and prison balls. She invokes his aid to unletter the force of the tempest, and shipwreck this founder of empire with all his companions. He listens—he responds—he hearkens to her commands. Forthwith the storm broods darkly upon the sea, and—

"Una Eurusque, Notusque ruunt, creberque procellis
Africus, et vastos volvunt ad litora fluctus."

Presently Æneas shudders, and viewing the possibility of meeting this inglorious death, he groaned, and extending his suppliant hands to sidereal realms, thus addresses the powers of the sky:

—"O terque, quaterque beati
Queis ante ora pateum, Trojæ sub moribus
altis
Contigit oppetere! O! Danaum fortissime
gentis
Ydide, mene Iliacis occumbere campis
Non potuisse, tuaque animam hauc effundere
dextra?
Salvus ubi Æacidae telo jacet Hector ubi in-
gens
Sarpedon: ubi tot Siniis correpta sub undis
Scuta virum, galeas que, et iortia corpora
volvit."

Mr. President, when I review the past history of the United States, and see how the Mighty One who inhabiteth Eternity has carried the people of the several States safely through the trials of the Revolutionary struggle—through the difficulties which attended the days of the Confederation—through the party struggles of Federalism against Republicanism—through the war of 1812—through the agitations which ended in 1820 in the adoption of the Missouri Compromise—through the dark days of South Carolina Nullification—through victory and glorious conquest in the Mexican war—through the terribly threatening agitations which preceded the adoption of the Compromise measures of 1850—and at last appeared to vouchsafe, by the annunciation of the Dred Scott decision by the Supreme Court as the basis of settlement of a long vexed question, a final and lasting peace to this favored land—when I review all these periods of national salvation, and at a time when everything promised such a future of glorious progress, and such a reign of uninterrupted freedom under the folds of the Constitution, I suddenly behold this splendid fabric of governmental structure reel and rend asunder in civil war—broth-